

AO 257 (Rev. 6/78)

DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURTBY: ☐ COMPLAINT ☐ INFORMATION ☒ INDICTMENT
☐ SUPERSEDING**OFFENSE CHARGED**

18 U.S.C. § 371 - Conspiracy to Possess Unregistered Firearms

☐ Petty
☐ Minor
☐ Misdemeanor
☒ Felony**PENALTY:**

5 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years supervised release and \$100 special assessment

PROCEEDINGName of Complainant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION☐ person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court, give name of court☐ this person/proceeding is transferred from another district per (circle one) FRCrP 20, 21 or 40. Show District☐ this is a reprosecution of charges previously dismissed which were dismissed on motion of:☐ U.S. Att'y ☐ Defense☐ this prosecution relates to a pending case involving this same defendant☒ prior proceedings or appearance(s) before U.S. Magistrate regarding this defendant were recorded underSHOW
DOCKET NO.MAGISTRATE
CASE NO.

4:07-70388WDB

Name and Office of Person
Furnishing Information on
THIS FORM**SCOTT N. SCHOOLS**☒ U.S. Att'y ☐ Other U.S. AgencyName of Asst. U.S. Att'y
(if assigned)Name of District Court, and/or Judge/Magistrate Location
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DEFENDANT - U.S.

THOMAS RICHARD WILLIAMS

DISTRICT COURT NUMBER

CRO7-00442

SBA

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- 1) ☐ Has not been arrested, pending outcome this proceeding. If not detained give date any prior summons was served on above charges
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- 3) ☐ Is on Bail or Release from (show District)

IS IN CUSTODY

- 4) ☒ On this charge
- 5) ☐ On another conviction
- 6) ☐ Awaiting trial on other charges } ☐ Fed'l ☐ State

If answer to (6) is "Yes", show name of Institution

Has detainer been filed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" give date filed

DATE OF
ARREST

Month/Day/Year

Or... If Arresting Agency & Warrant were not

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United States District Court

FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION

VENUE: OAKLAND

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

THOMAS RICHARD WILLIAMS and
RAFAEL MIRANDA,

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

CRO7-00442

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DEFENDANT.

INDICTMENT

18 U.S.C. § 371 - Conspiracy to Possess Unregistered
Firearms

A true bill.

David M. [Signature]
Foreman

Filed in open court this _____ day of _____

Clerk

Bail, \$ No process.
Wayne D. Brazil 7-12-07

1 SCOTT N. SCHOOLS (SCBN 9990)
2 United States Attorney

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CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
11 OAKLAND DIVISION

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 THOMAS RICHARD WILLIAMS and
16 RAFAEL MIRANDA,

17 Defendants.

No.

CR07-00442
VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 371 - Conspiracy
to Possess Unregistered Firearms

OAKLAND VENUE

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19 INDICTMENT

20 The Grand Jury charges:

21 COUNT ONE: (18 U.S.C. § 371 - Conspiracy)

22 1. Between on or about March 25, 2007 and on or about June 28, 2007, in the Northern
23 District of California, the defendants,

24 THOMAS RICHARD WILLIAMS and
25 RAFAEL MIRANDA,

26 did knowingly conspire to commit offenses against the United States, namely, (a) receiving and
27 possessing a firearm not registered to them in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer
28 Record, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d), and (b) receiving and possessing a firearm which
was not identified by serial number, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 5861(i).

INDICTMENT

1 2. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to attain the objects thereof, defendants committed
2 the following overt acts in the Northern District of California:

3 a. On or about March 25, 2007, WILLIAMS contacted a confidential
4 informant by telephone and indicated that he needed two .22 caliber handguns with silencers
5 (meaning equipped with a device for silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of a portable
6 firearm) to commit a robbery.

7 b. On or about March 30, 2007, WILLIAMS spoke to the confidential
8 informant by telephone and indicated that he would be willing to pay \$5000 for the two weapons
9 equipped with silencers and that he would confirm this with MIRANDA.

10 c. On or about March 31, 2007, WILLIAMS contacted the confidential
11 informant by telephone and asked what brand of weapons he would recommend, and when the
12 confidential informant replied Walthers or Berettas, WILLIAMS said he would discuss it with
13 MIRANDA.

14 d. In or about April, 2007, WILLIAMS contacted the confidential informant
15 by telephone and indicated that the weapons should have obliterated serial numbers and
16 confirmed that WILLIAMS and MIRANDA would pay \$5,000 for the weapons.

17 e. On or about June 28, 2007:

18 (1) WILLIAMS and MIRANDA drove to Crockett, California, to meet
19 with the confidential informant.

20 (2) WILLIAMS and MIRANDA met with the confidential informant at a
21 restaurant and discussed potential targets for robbery in Northern and Southern California.

22 (3) WILLIAMS and MIRANDA left the restaurant, sat in the confidential
23 informant's vehicle, and physically examined two .22 caliber handguns equipped with silencers
24 with obliterated serial numbers for which they previously had paid the confidential informant
25 \$5,000.

26 (4) WILLIAMS placed the box containing the weapons equipped with
27 silencers next to him in the back seat of the confidential informant's vehicle and advised the
28 confidential informant that he had done a "good job" obtaining the weapons, and directed the

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1 confidential informant to drive to the site of the potential robbery.

2 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.


3 DATED:


A TRUE BILL.

4 7/12/2007

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FOREPERSON

6 SCOTT N. SCHOOLS
7 United States Attorney

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9 W. DOUGLAS SPRAGUE
10 Chief, Oakland Branch

11 (Approved as to form: 
12 AUSA Morgan-Kelly

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